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SUBJ: DRC MEETING MARCH 9: NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP

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SUMMARY: AT THE DRC MEETING ON MARCH 9, CHAIRMAN (HUMPHREYS) REQUESTED COUNTRIES SUBMIT PROPOSED THEMES FOR THE 1977 NATO DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP AND SUGGESTED SOME THEMES TO STIMULATE THINKING. US REP(S) (BADER) SUGGESTION THAT DRC CONSIDER CHANGING THE VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP WAS REJECTED FOR THIS YEAR. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON PROPOSALS FOR THEMES BY MARCH 29. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DRC CHAIRMAN NOTED THE CONCERNS OF THE DRC IN REGARD TO THE QUALITY OF PRESENTATIONS TO THE 1976 DEFENSE PLANNING WORKSHOP AND EXPRESSED THE NEED TO SELECT THEMES FOR 1977 WORKSHOP SO AS TO PERMIT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF TO START RECRUITING QUALITY SPEAKERS. THE CHAIRMAN REQUESTED THAT COUNTRIES PROVIDE THE IS A LIST OF PROPOSED THEMES WITHIN THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. THE CHAIRMAN WENT ON TO SUGGEST THREE POSSIBLE THEMES TO STIMULATE THINKING:

(1) TECHNIQUES OF COLLECTIVE FORCE PLANNING IN NATO,
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(2) STIMULATING PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING IN DEFENSE,
(3) WAYS OF MAINTAINING A DETERRENT POLICY AT SEA.

2. THE SHAPE REP (SCHWEITZER) SUGGESTED A THEME ON HOW, AT THE

POLICY AND PLANNING LEVEL, WE WOULD GO ABOUT FIGHTING A WAR
IN 1977.

3. US REP, DRAWING ON REFTTEL, SUGGESTED THE DRC CONSIDER
CHANGING THE VENUE OF THE WORKSHOP FROM TIME TO TIME AND SOMEHOW
LINK THE WORKSHOP WITH OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS BRIEFINGS BY
AFSOUTH AT NAPLES. THE CHAIRMAN NOTED THAT THE DRC DID "GET
OUT AND WALK ABOUT AT TIMES" AND WELCOMED SUGGESTIONS FOR
FUTURE, I.E., POST-1977, TRIPS. HE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO GO
FINAL ON OBERAMMERGAU NOW SO THAT FACILITIES COULD BE RESERVED.
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